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SUBJ: AGREEMENT ON NAGALAND

SUMMARY: A DELEGATION OF NAGA UNDERGROUND LEADERS AND THE GOI ANNOUNCED AN AGREEMENT ON "BASIC ISSUES" OF THE TWO DECADE OLD NAGA INSCRGECY IN SHILLONG ON NOVEMBER 11. A "JOINT STATEMTN" RELEASED NOVEMBER 12 AFTER TWO DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE ELEMENTS IN THE AGREEMENT BEYOND STATING THAT THE GOI HAS AGREED TO SUSPEND ACTION UNDER THE UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) ACT. THE GOI HAS BEEN TALKING WITH THE NAGA INSURGENTS SINCE JULY 1975, FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF INTENSE MILITARY PRESSURE THAT ENDED EARLIER THIS YEAR. WHILE THE AGREEMENT MAY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF NAGA INSURGENTS SURRENDERING UNDER THE AMNESTY PROGRAM, WE DOUBT THAT THE HARD CORE MAOIST SECTION OF THE UNDERGROUND WILL CEASE FIGHTING. WE THINK THAT THE POST-AUGUST 15 EVENTS IN BANGLADESH AND CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS OF A PROSPECTIVE CHINESE PRESENCE IN THAT COUNTRY WERE PROBABLY INCENTIVES FOR THE GOI TO PURSUE SERIOUSLY AN ACCOMMODATION WITH THE NAGAS.

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1. NEW DELHI A-323, OF AUGUST 1974 CONTAINS BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE NAGA INSURGENCY. THE LATEST EMBASSY UP-DATE IS XCONTAINED IN A WIDELY CIRCULATED JULY 17, 1975 MEMCON ON THE NAGA AND MIZO INSURGNECIES.

2. NOVEMBER 12 PRESS REPORTS ANNOUNCE THAT AN AGREE-MENT ON THE NAGA INSURGENCY WAS REACHED NOVEMBER 11 AT TALKS BETWEEN GOI REPRESENTATIVES AND A NAGA UNDERGROUND DELEGATION MEETING AT SHILLONG. THE REPORTS STATE THAT THE NAGALAND GOVERNOR, L.P. SINGH, GAVE REPORTERS A "JOINT STATEMENT" HOLDING "AS A RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSTIONS, AGREEMENT ON BASIC ISSUES HAS BEEN REACHED. TO FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNOR HAS AGREED TO SUSPEND ACTION UNDER THE UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) ACT." THE PAPERS NOTE THAT NEITHER SIDE GAVE DETAILS REGARDING THE NATURE OF THE BASIC ISSUES ON WHICH AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BUT SAY THAT UNDERGROUND LEADERS HAD AGREED PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE TALKS NOT TO DEMAND "SOVEREIGNTY" FOR NAGALAND. THE CALCUTTA STATESMAN'S ACCOUNT CITES INFORMED SOURCES AS SAYING THAT THE GOI HAD INDI-CATED THAT SECURITY OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS THE THREAT OF VIOLENCE EXISTS.

3. THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NAGA REBELS SURRENDERING REPORTED IN OUR LAST UPDATE IN JULY HAS CONTINUED THROUGH THE FAU.A GOI OFFICIAL WORKING ON THE INSURGENCY STATED PRIVATELY THAISTHERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE REBEL INITIATED INCI-) \$3,5 (AN AMBUSH) IN THE LAST FOUR MONTHS. HE ALSO CLAIMD THAT A GRIK OF 75 NAGAS THAT HAVE RETURNED FROM CHINESE TRAINING CAMPS IN YUNNAN THIS FALL PRESENTLY ALONG THE BURMESE-NAGALAND BORDER - ARE NEGOTIATING TERMS WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

4. THE NOVEMBER 11 "AGREEMENT" REINFORCES THIS TREND TOWARD AN ACCOMMODATION BETWEEN THE GOI AND THE NAGA INSURGENTS. WE HOWEVER DOUBT WHETHER THE HARD CORE MAOIST FACTION OF THE UNDERGROUND WILL STOP FIGHTING. THIS FACTION STILL HAS AMPLE CAPABILITY TO MAKE TROUBLE AND REPORTEDLY CONTINUES TO RECEIVE ARMS AND TRAINING FROM THE CHINESE. THE SHILLONG AGREEMENT LOOKS LIKE A SIGNIFICANT STEP BUT WE DOUBT IT WILLRING ABOUT A CESSATION OF INSURGNECY IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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